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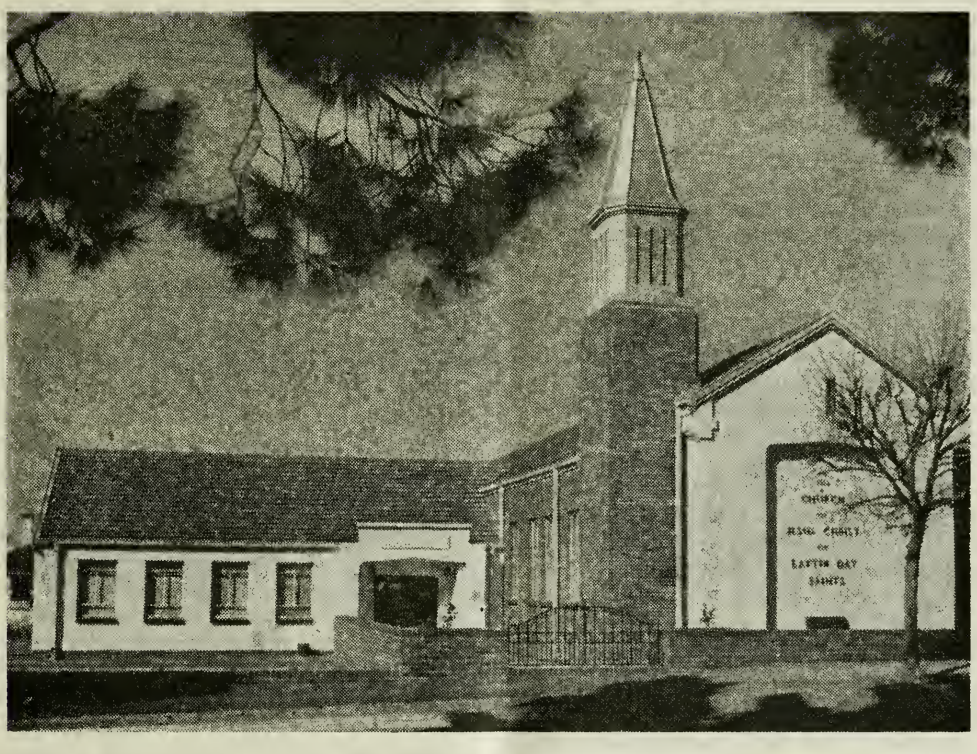

SPRINGS CHAPEL

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Dedicatorial Prayer of Springs Chapel

Our Father, which art in Heaven, by appointment we have met this beautiful day to offer as a gift unto Thee this beautiful building from this Thy people. The membership of the Springs Branch have worked hard and have made sacrifices for the erection of this house of worship. We humbly pray that Thou will bless those who have made these sacrifices. May Thy spirit be in the homes of these people that their families will be drawn closer together and that they may show their love of Thee by keeping Thy commandments. May they always have the necessities of life. We have received the promise from Thee, that if we do Thy will and work for the establishment of Thy kingdom we shall receive blessings from Thee. We are grateful for these blessings. We do remember before Thee those who have made it possible for us to present this building to Thee. May Thy spirit be with them at all times.

We thank Thee for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, restored to the earth in this day and age. We are thankful for the prophet whom Thou called and used as an instrument in thy hands to restore the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for each successive leader of Thy Church and Kingdom. We remember before Thee the present Prophet of Thy Church—President David O. McKay, his counsellors, the quorum of the Twelve and all the presiding authorities of Thy Church. We do sustain them for we know they have been called of Thee. May we, as members of Thy Church, heed their teachings for we know the instructions which come from Thy prophets are spoken by Thee through them.

We also thank Thee for the great missionary system of this Church. We realise when the Gospel was restored it was to be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. We humbly pray for these missionaries who are called to bear witness to the truthfulness of the Gospel. Bless them and lead them to the honest in heart. We pray that the earnest searcher after truth may listen to their message and receive the joy and happiness that comes from the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are thankful to be living in a democracy and may we always keep sacred this freedom. Bless the leaders of this country that they may be inspired; that they may govern the affairs of this country as Thou would have them.

Heavenly Father, we pray that those who come into this building may come in the true spirit of worship. Bless those who partake of the sacrament in remembrance of Thy Son Jesus Christ, that they will always remember Him, that they may always have His spirit to be with them.

Inasmuch as a portion of this building has been set aside for recreation purposes for the members of this Branch and inasmuch as the M.I.A. supervise these activities, help those called to serve in the M.I.A. that they may plan recreation which is in accordance with the standards of the Church. Bless these officers that they may encourage us to develop the arts of speaking, dancing, music, drama, and other activities of the great M.I.A. programme.

Also, a part of this building has been set aside as classrooms. We pray that Thou will bless the teachers who will be called to teach the principles of the Gospel. Bless them with a testimony of the truth. May none be called to teach who do not have a testimony of the truth. May they teach the youth of the Church in such a way that they may grow in testimony and knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bless those who will be called to speak from this pulpit that they may do so under Thy divine guidance and may their words contain the wonderful truths of the Gospel.

We pray that this building may be protected from the elements. Bless it that it may be kept safe. May it be kept clean, and no one be allowed to desecrate it.

And now, Father in Heaven, by virtue of the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood invested in me, I dedicate this building unto Thee, from the foundations to the roof and all the appointments. I dedicate it unto Thee as a place of worship, and pray that Thy spirit will ever be here. Help us to keep this place holy that Thy spirit may be pleased to dwell herein, that if necessary Thy angels may come to give us Thy message.

All these things I ask and do under the authority of the Holy Priesthood conferred upon me, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.—Amen.

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VISITORS FROM MANY LANDS VISIT WELFARE SQUARE. — Canada, Israel, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, New Zealand, Japan, India, England, Hawaii, China.

No this is not a roll call of the United Nations, but a cross-section of the nationalities of visitors to Welfare Square tabulated for the month of May. During the month a total of 1,292 persons from 12 countries and 29 of the United States were guests of Pioneer Region and the General Welfare Committee at Welfare Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

These interested visitors claimed membership in 13 different churches and were more than complimentary with what they saw and heard.

One who claimed allegiance to the Protestant Episcopal Church commented: "The social precepts of the Church should be promulgated as an American way of life as well as a Mormon one. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated."

A visitor from England declared: "This has been an extraordinary experience and it seems to me to be one of the examples of practical Christianity in the modern world."

Another, who claimed to be a Methodist from the East, wrote: "This work being done here is a true example of religion lived as well as preached. This feeling of religious Christian living permeates the atmosphere of your beautiful city. I hope the day will soon come when such a spirit will enter the metropolitan areas of the East."

MISSIONARIES CALLED OUT OF GUATEMALA.—Missionaries of the Church are being removed from Guatemala to El Salvador and Panama City because of the current fighting and unrest existing in the country. Removal of mission headquarters from Guatemala City is not yet considered and may continue to control the 37 elders and 13 lady missionaries from its present location. The missionaries are assigned to all countries of Central America.

SERVICE GIVEN HOSPITALS MERITS AWARD. — "For services rendered to hospital veterans" a bronze medallion was presented to the Mormon Choir of Southern California recently by the Beverly Hills Post of the American Legion.

The award was for the choir's concerts presented at the huge Wadsworth Memorial Hospital at the Veterans Home in West Los Angeles, California.

L.D.S. WOMEN RECEIVE RECOGNITION. — Mrs. Marba C. Josephson was appointed the United States representative on radio and television matters by the U.S. Council of Women Clubs before leaving New York for Helsinki, Finland, to attend the biannual international conference of 34 National Councils of Women.

Mrs. Belle S. Spafford, general president of the Relief Society and vice-president of the U.S. Council, is serving as chairman of the American delegation.

Springs Dedicatorial Services

By Elder George B. Everton

Congratulations to the Springs Branch. Their efforts have been crowned with wonderful success and their new chapel will be a memorial to their diligence for many years. They have set a pattern for all the rest of the mission to follow—a wonderful pattern both in their methods of financing and in their labour with their hands in constructing a meeting place which would be a credit to any small ward or branch in the church.

Two hundred and sixty-seven saints and friends gathered at the new chapel on July 11, 1954, to hear President Leroy H. Duncan pronounce the dedicatorial prayer, sanctifying it to the service of the Lord. Tears of gratitude and thanksgiving filled the eyes of many as they came to the realization that another house—the third in the land of Africa—was now ready to help in the building of God's Kingdom.

No effort was spared to see that everything was just right from the foundation to the roof. Many long hard hours were spent in putting the finishing touches and those who viewed the chapel for the first time were much impressed by the combination of artistic beauty, solid construction and well arranged rooms. The branch members are so proud of it and love it so much they can hardly wait from one meeting to the next. They want to be there all the time.

This Experience Not New

Members of the Springs Branch have gone through an experience duplicated in the Stakes of Zion many times. They have found that the Lord blesses for efforts put forth in the building of chapels as well as in any other endeavour in the church. Tithing brings blessings —missionary work brings blessings—working in the auxiliaries brings blessings—genealogy and temple work bring blessings. And so with the building of chapels, no effort goes unrewarded if it is for the building of the Kingdom of God. Other branches are already starting to go through this same experience, and all members of the South African Mission can share in the blessings by contributing to the Mission Building Fund, which was set up some years ago to assist all branches when they get the building spirit.

President Duncan in his address, before the dedicatory prayer, said, "With all my heart I congratulate you on your accomplishments. The contribution you have made in the time and cash have made possible the erection of this beautiful house of worship. It is yours. It gives you a sense of possession and pride because of the hours that have been spent in donated labour and your contributions in cash. It is more appreciated than if it had been thrust upon you as a gift."

Money Not Missed

He also related how he had asked the members if they had missed the money they had donated to the building fund, and the answer had been "No." And now, with a smile of satisfaction, they expressed gratitude for the blessings which came to their families.

"When a ward or branch gets a new building it is not because the members are wealthy," he said, "But because they are righteous and the Lord grants them the blessing they need. I am confident the same blessing, which has come to this branch, will also come to other branches of this mission in the near future."

"At this time I think I should express appreciation to the faithful saints throughout this mission who sustained you with their faith and prayers and through their support of the Mission Building Programme which helped make possible the erection of your chapel at this time."

In his address, President Duncan also bore testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel as restored by Joseph Smith. He showed how time is proving that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God—that he restored many truths lost to mankind and set up the kingdom of God which continues to reveal new truths.

As an admonition, he said, "Beautiful as the building is—it will not be beautiful unless you make it beautiful by building beautiful characters—by developing righteousness within your souls. You can destroy this building and all its beauty by failing to live up to the standards which this church offers you in morals, in religion, by failing to come on the Sabbath day to partake of the sacrament and keeping the covenants in force so that God will recognize you, that He will be willing to have you take upon yourselves the name of His Son and that the Holy Spirit might be with you."

Well Built

Modern facilities and appointments combined with artistry, beauty, excellent construction and convenient arrangement made it a building the members will be proud of always. Foyer, class rooms, Relief Society room, kitchen, Branch Presidency room, recreation hall and stage all compliment the lovely chapel which will seat about 135 people.

The pews and pulpit were constructed of mahogany by the members under the direction of Brother Troskie, saving the branch about £300. It would be difficult to find better seats in any church. Asphalt tile flooring has been laid in the chapel, foyer and class rooms. Beautiful carpeting deadens the sound of feet in the aisles of the chapel. Rhodesian teak wood was used for flooring in the recreation hall which measures about 27 by 60 feet and is separated from the chapel by modern folding doors which can be opened to give additional seating capacity. The building is heated by electrical elements concealed in metal tubes measuring two inches by eight feet, which are located on all outside walls just above the baseboards. Each heating element is thermostatically controlled.

The building is mainly of brick, concrete and steel construction with a tile roof and will stand as a memorial to the builders for many years. Six inch, raised bronze lettering on a large panel on the front of the building announces that the building belongs to the "CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS." Directly under the panel is the corner stone which was laid by President Duncan, 17 October, 1953. A 40 foot spire crowns the building and is visible in many parts of the city and countryside.

Faith and Works

The edifice is another monument to the faith of the saints in South Africa and many are the stories of the sacrifices and attendant blessings as they put their shoulders to the wheel, with determination that nothing but the best should go into this House of the Lord and that it should be completed on schedule. One month before dedication they needed £200 to make their final payment, and extra assessments were made to the 104 members of the branch who had already stretched their budgets to the breaking point and worn many blisters and callouses as evidence of their faith and works. But before the 30 days were up they had the £200 and the ceremony of dedication was assured.

Landscaping has not been completed. It is being done by members. Several gardenia shrubs have already been planted and much of the leveling done. All the work will be completed by spring.

President I. C. Louw of the Transvaal District, acted as chairman of the Building Committee during construction of the building and much credit must be given him for the speedy completion of the building.

Branch President Henri Hugo conducted the meeting and gave a short history of the Branch. He told of many struggles—how they had met first in one hall and then in another—some good, some bad. He gave statistics showing that in the 20 years of existence the Branch has had 53 births, 27 marriages, 9 deaths, 22 converts, and 17 ordinations to the Priesthood.

Mr. Sayce, who had acted as architect, told of his first meeting with President Wright and President Yarn on the site, and showed how faith had completed the building. Every brick was made by an act of faith, as every piece of material that went into the building.

Brother Thomas Wilson bore a strong testimony of the Gospel. He admonished the Saints, "Put the Lord first in your life and your efforts will be blessed, for those who serve the Lord prosper."

A Wonderful Climax

President Louw said that this day brought a climax to 20 years of seeking a goal. He was thankful and proud to be a member of the Springs Branch, and thanked all for their help in erecting this House of the Lord. He also spoke on the organization of the Primitive Church and how the Latter-day Church has the same officers and rites—that it is truly the Church of Jesus Christ.

A Missionary Quartette composed of Elders F. John Francis, Jerry S. Young, Clyde Alan Miller and George B. Everton, sang "Bless This House." The Springs Junior Sunday School Chorus, under the direction of Brother John Troskie, sang "The Lord's Prayer." Prayers were offered by President Alvin Park and Brother John F. Stemmett.

As a memento of the occasion, the Springs Branch prepared a scrap book, with pictures and a history of the work as it progressed on the new chapel, and presented it to Sister Nora Duncan. They also had a special key made for the building and presented it to President Duncan.

A Stalwart Member of the South African Mission

CLARISSA MAY (JAKINS) BIBB

Sister Clarissa Bibb was born in Grahamstown, Cape Province, on July 21st, 1902. She is the eldest daughter of Edwin Joseph and Edith Emma (Bradfield) Jakins.

As Methodist was the religion of her parents, Sister Bibb was brought up in that faith. The family were quite strong in their beliefs, as her Grandfather was a Minister in Salem, a town near Grahamstown.

Here in her own words Sister Bibb relates the story of her first contact with the Church.

"In 1930 the missionaries first came to our door. They began visiting with us and holding meetings in our home quite frequently. This alarmed the Methodist Minister in the town and he tried to persuade my Mother to have no more to do with them. He convinced her, and so the next time the Elders came my Mother was determined she would turn them away.

It was not long after this that the missionaries knocked again at our door. My Mother went to turn them away when much to her surprise she found one of the Elders very ill. All previous feeling that my Mother had, of not letting them come in, left and she graciously took them in and cared for the sick Elder. After this event the Elders were never turned away. They stayed on at our house for 10 days, and during that time my Brother Dick was baptised. Then on July 5th, 1931, about 7 months later I, with my parents, my husband, one of my sisters and her husband and my brother were baptised. Later, another sister joined the Church.

Yes, the Lord moves in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform. If that Elder had not been ill the morning that my mother was going to send them away, it may have been that our family would not have heard and accepted the true Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Sister Bibb married Cecil Gordon Bibb of Somerset East and has one daughter, Lorraine, and 4 sons, George, Eric, and Lionel who is Branch President at Pretoria. They also have 3 little grandsons.

Sister Bibb claims that the happiest day in her life was the day that she was baptised. That was the beginning of many great and wonderful experiences that have been hers to enjoy. The greatest of these took place on January 19th, of this year. It was upon that day that one of Sister Bibb's greatest desires was realized, for she had the privilege of meeting a Prophet of God. Here in her own words she tells of her experience.

"I was ill in the hospital, and being unable to get out to Church to hear President McKay, I thought that my chances were slim of seeing him. The hour for his departure was drawing nigh, and my heart felt sad that I was close to him, and yet unable to see him. However, at 3.45 p.m. on the day of his departure from Cape Town a nurse came to me and told me that there were visitors to see me. I looked around and I am beyond words to explain the joy that I felt when I saw 'The Prophet' coming to see me. Yes, it truly was a great day, a day that I'll never forget when a Prophet of God held my hand and said,

"I leave my blessing with you, Sister Bibb."

Sister Bibb has always been a good missionary for the Church. There are many saints that have been brought into the Church through her teachings and example. She has always been valiant in upholding and furthering the cause that she knows to be true. The world has indeed been made a better place to live in, and the South African Mission has become stronger in the Gospel of Jesus Christ by people of high standards like Sister Bibb.

Today is your day and mine, the only day we have, the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole we may not understand; but we are here to play it, and now is our time. This we know: it is a part of action, not of whining. It is a part of love, not cynicism. It is for us to express love in terms of human helpfulness.

— David Starr Jordan.

WHO HAS SEEN THE FATHER AND THE SON

By Bruce R. McConkie of the First Council of the Seventy.

'I saw two personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing, above in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name, and said, pointing to the other—this is my beloved Son, hear him.'

Joseph Smith, Jnr.

Many prophets have seen God. Joseph Smith saw both the Father and the Son together, beholding them as glorified personages, exalted Men, personally present with him in the Sacred Grove.

Latter-day Saints quite naturally have wondered whether this appearance together of the two Supreme Rulers of the universe was a revelation reserved for this final dispensation or whether prophets and seers of the past have been similarly honoured of God.

Our knowledge of the personal appearances and other manifestations of God to man falls into these categories:

1. We saw and knew both the Father and the Son in pre-existence.

The Father is the personal parent of our spirits. We were born in his image—he having a body of flesh and bones, we a body of spirit matter. Christ is our Elder Brother, the First-born Spirit Son of the Father. Said Brigham Young:

'. . . if we could see our Father who dwells in the heavens, we should learn that we are as well acquainted with Him as we are with our earthly father; and he would be as familiar to us in the expression of His countenance and we should be ready to embrace Him and fall upon His neck and kiss Him if we had the privilege.'

We also saw the Son in pre-existence. 'Then shall ye know that ye have seen me,' he said, and this remembrance will be returned in that day when the faithful 'comprehend even God.'

2. Various prophets, in vision, have seen the Father and the Son in heaven.

For instance, Stephen, at the time of his martyrdom,

. . . being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven ,and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.'

Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon, also 'beheld the glory of the Son, on the right hand of the Father.' They

. . . saw the holy angels, and them who are sanctified before His throne, worshipping God, and the Lamb, who worship him forever and ever.

Then they received this testimony of Christ: That he lives!

For we saw him, even on the right hand of God: and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father.'

And telling of the part of the pentecostal outpourings of the Spirit that preceded the dedication of the Kirtland Temple, the Prophet wrote:

. . . I beheld the celestial kingdom of God, and the glory thereof, whether in the body or out I cannot tell. I saw the transcendent beauty of the gate through which the heirs of that kingdom will enter, which was like unto circling flames of fire, also the blazing throne of God, whereon was seated the Father and the Son.

3. The Father and the Son have manifested themselves unto many without either a personal appearance, or a vision of their glory and kingdom.

The chief means provided for this testimony is by 'the Holy Ghost' which witnesses of the 'Father and the Son.' This is the sure witness, it is the Spirit speaking to spirit: there can be no denying the still small voice that thus comes into the mind.

By his own voice, audibly, the Father has manifested himself to individual prophets and to whole multitudes. At the baptism of his Son, on the Mount of Transfiguration, and to thousands of assembled Nephites on this continent, he spoke, introducing his Son.

To Nephi, after that prophet had outlined the conditions of salvation by directly quoting the Son, he spoke in confirmation of the doctrine. 'I heard a voice from the Father,' Nephi records, 'saying, Yes, the words of my Beloved are true and faithful. He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.'

4. Christ is both the Father and the Son.

Jesus Christ is the Son of Elohim both as spiritual and bodily off-spring, that is to say,

Elohim is literally the Father and the spirit of Jesus Christ and also of the body in which Jesus Christ performed His mission in the flesh.

Yet Christ applies to himself both titles, "Son" and "Father." To the brother of Jared, he said: ". . . Behold, I am Jesus Christ. I am the Father and the Son." The meaning intended by this usage of titles is worthy of careful consideration. The Church recognizes three senses in which the Son is also the Father.

He is the Father of the heavens and the earth, meaning that he is their Maker, Organiser, and Creator; hence, such passages as refer to him as "Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and of the earth, and all things that in them are."

He is the Father of those who abide in his gospel. By unrestrained obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel, the faithful become the "children of Christ, his sons, and his daughters." He becomes their Father; they are "born again," "born of him," "spiritually begotten" of him.

He is the Father by divine investiture of authority. That is, the Father has put his name and authority upon him so that he can act and speak in the first person as though he were the Father.

In an official statement the First Presidency of the Twelve explains this investiture of this authority thus:

In all His dealings with the human family Jesus the Son has represented and yet represents Elohim his Father in power and authority. . . . Thus the Father placed His name upon the Son; and Jesus Christ spoke and ministered in and through the Father's name; and so far as power, authority, and Godship are concerned His words and acts were and are those of the Father.

So it was that the Son was able to say

. . . I am in the Father, and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one—

The Father because he gave me of his fullness, and the Son because I was in the world and made flesh my tabernacle, and dwelt among the sons of men.

Since the Father has placed his name on the Son, the latter often speaks as though he were the Father. In the same revelation he sometimes speaks of his own name and in the name of his Father.

Listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, your Redeemer, the Great I AM, whose arm of mercy hath atoned for your sins . . .

. . . little children are redeemed from the foundation of the world through mine only Begotten.

5. The Father was in Christ manifesting himself to the world.

Without a knowledge of God there can be no salvation; the receipt of eternal life is predicated upon knowing 'the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom he hath sent'. Accordingly the Father sent the Son into the world that both of them might be known. And so the Son said:

I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also, and from henceforth ye know him and have seen him.

Phillip saith unto him, Lord shew us the father, and it sufficeth us.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father, and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

And so Paul wrote that the Son 'is the image of the invisible God' also 'the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person.'

Both beings are glorious beyond description; each is an exalted Personage; their majesty and power know no bounds.

6. Those who attain the celestial world hereafter will see the Father and the Son. These shall dwell in the presence of God and his Christ forever and ever.

7. The promise that the supremely righteous can see Christ while yet in mortality includes an assurance that 'even he will manifest the Father.'

What greater promise could there be than this, that any person who will sanctify himself by obedience to the full gospel law shall see the Lord while yet in the flesh?

'The veil shall be rent and you shall see me and know that I am', the Lord promised certain elders in November 1831, provided they made themselves worthy. Then in May 1833, the same promise was extended to all men: 'It shall come to pass,' came the voice of the Son, 'that every soul who forsaketh his sins and cometh unto me, and calleth on my name, and obeyeth my voice, and keepeth my commandments, shall see my face and know that I am.'

The brother of Jared is one who did this. Because of his 'perfect knowledge of God', Moroni records, 'he could not be kept from

within the veil, therefore he saw Jesus; and he did minister unto him.'

Christ promised his Apostles of old that he would give them 'another Comforter' that is, a Comforter other than the Holy Ghost. 'I will not leave you comfortless' he said.

I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more, but ye see me . . .

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me, and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him ,and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.'

Joseph Smith gave this inspired interpretation of the last verse quoted:

John 14:23—The appearing of the Father and the Son, in that verse, is a personal appearance; and the idea that the Father and the Son dwell in a man's heart is an old sectarian notion, and is false.'

The Prophet, also, after quoting the entire passage from John, said this:

'Now what is this other Comforter? It is no more nor less than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself; and this is the sum and substance of the whole matter; that when any man obtains this last Comforter, he will have the personage of Jesus Christ to attend him or appear unto him from time to time, and even He will manifest the Father unto him, and they will take up their abode with him, and the visions of the heavens will be opened unto him, and the Lord will teach him face to face, and he may have a perfect knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God: and this is the state and place the ancient Saints arrived at when they had such glorious visions — Isaiah, Ezekial, John upon the Isle of Patmos, St. Paul in the three heavens, and all the Saints who held communion with the General assembly and Church of the First Born.'

In this connection, it should be observed that:

The power and authority of the higher, or Melchizedek Priesthood, is to hold the keys of all the spiritual blessings of the church.

To have the privilege of receiving the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, to have the heavens opened unto them, to commune with the general assembly and church of the First-born, and to enjoy the communion and presence of God the Father, and Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.

8. The Father appears to bear record of the son.

No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

So says the King James' version of the Bible. The Inspired Version corrects this to read:

And no man hath seen God at any time, except he hath borne record of the Son, for except it is through him no man can be saved.

It would appear, then, that God the father has been seen by some when it has been expedient that he appear to bear record of the Son. This conclusion is in harmony with the Prophet's statement that certain righteous prophets and saints of former dispensations gained the second Comforter, meaning that they had the personage of Jesus Christ to attend them, appear to them from time to time, and even 'manifest the Father' unto them.

One cannot escape the conclusion, for instance, in reading the very abbreviated account we have of the visions of Enoch, that he saw both the Father and the Son. Most of the recorded words are those of the Father, although as we have already seen, the actual personage doing the speaking was Christ acting in the Father's name by divine investiture of authority. But there still remain such statements as this:

'Enoch was high and lifted up, even in the bosom of the Father, and of the Son of Man.' The magnitude of the visions of Abraham and Moses give one a similar feeling. And while Adam was yet in the garden of Eden, he, of course, saw both the Father and the Son, the Father saying to the Son at the time of Adam's expulsion that 'the man is become as one of us to know good and evil.'

Further, knowing as we know the way the Lord reveals and administers the same gospel, in the same way, and by the same means, in one dispensation after another, it is logical to suppose that the Father and the Son have appeared together as glorified Personages, to each dispensation head, and that thereafter the affairs of the dispensation have been regulated and administered by the Son.

But in any event, we have no recorded vision or appearance that can compare with that of Joseph Smith—a situation that is as it should be, for this is our dispensation, and he is the prophet through whom salvation will come, if it comes at all, to all men of the latter days.

ARRIVALS

ELDER RONALD P. DUNCAN, a member of Springs Branch, was set apart by President Leroy H. Duncan as a full time missionary on July 14th, 1954. He has been assigned to labour in East London District with Elder Gary E. Elliott.

ELDERS GENE B. WELLING, VERN HALVERSEN, BRUCE ERICKSON, AND WALLACE SALING arrived aboard the "Stirling Castle," on July 22nd, 1954. Elder Welling comes from Salt Lake City, Utah, United States; Elder Halversen comes from Salt Lake City, Utah, United States; Elder Erickson comes from Ogden, Utah, United States; and Elder Saling comes from Pleasant Grove, Utah, United States.

Elder Welling has been assiged to labour in Bellville, Cape District, with Elder Winston M. Faux. Elder Halvensen has been assigned to labour in Brakpan, East Rand District, with Elder Royal Jensen. Elder Ericksen has been assigned to labour in the Natal District with Elder Charles M. Sessions. Elder Saling has been assigned to labour in Southern Suburbs, West Rand District, with Elder Frank L. Jenkins.

May these four young men receive God's choicest blessings in their endeavours to spread the eternal truths of the Gospel to the people here in South Africa.

DISTRICT DIVIDED

On July 15th the missionaries in the Transvaal were divided into two separate districts. These areas are now known as the East Rand and West Rand Districts. The East Rand has its headquarters at Springs, and the West Rand's headquarters is at Johannesburg.

NEW BRANCH ORGANIZED

On June 27th, a new Branch was added to the South African Mission. The new Branch is at Benoni, Transvaal. This brings the number of Branches in the Mission to 14.

The missionaries have laboured diligently in this area in the past few years, and their efforts have not been in vain for they have brought many fine people into the fold that are now active members of this Branch, and many of them are holding positions within it.

Elder Garn G. Christensen has been appointed as Branch President with Brother Tom Charlton as his counsellor. Brother Charlton is also serving as the Sunday School Superintendent. Sister Maud Taggart is the President of the M.I.A. and Sister Charlton is President of the Primary. Elder Lewis Fred Stokes is the clerk of this newly-formed Branch.

TRANSFERS

ELDER GLEN S. OSBORNE was transferred to Northern Suburbs, West Rand District, from Bloemfontein on June 30th, to labour with Elder J. Hutchins.

ELDER ELWOOD V. EDDY was transferred to Springs, East Rand District, from Bloemfontein on June 30th, to labour with Elder Grigor.

ELDER AND SISTER EVERTON were transferred to Durban from Port Elizabeth on July 1st.

ELDER GARY E. ELLIOTT was transferred to East London from Port Elizabeth on July 10 to labour with Elder Ronald P. Duncan.

ELDER JAMES H. BEAN was transferred to Port Elizabeth from East London on July 10th, to labour with Elder Donald G. Spencer.

ELDER FRANK M. CROWTHER was transferred to Pretoria, West Rand District, from Durban on July 19th, to labour with Elder Clyde A. Miller.

ELDER ORVILLE C. GRIGOR was transferred to Springs, East Rand District, from East London on July 24th, to labour with Elder Elwood V. Eddy.

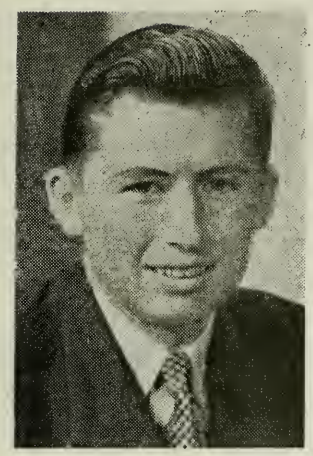
ELDER IVINS T. SCHMID was transferred to East London from the West Rand District on July 24th, to labour with Elder Curtis L. Tracy.

ELDER JOHN F. GRILSMORE was transferred to the Mission Office from Durban on July 25th.

ELDER LYNN P. WALKER was transferred to the Mission Office from Springs, East Rand District, on July 25th.

ELDER WINSTON M. FAUX was transferred to Bellville, Cape District, from Durban, on July 27th, to labour with Elder Gene B. Welling.

DEPARTURES



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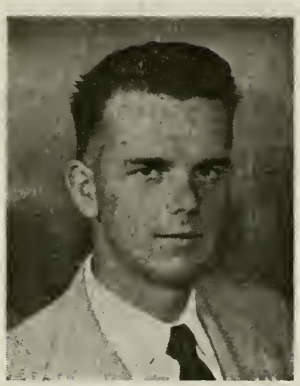

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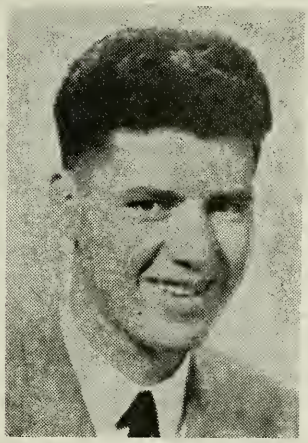

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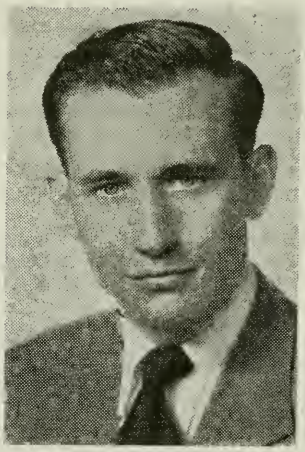


ELDER MAYO

ELDERS DONALD D. SALMON, KENNETH L. LEE, LOWELL D. WOOD and **W. E. BARRY MAYO** were honourably released from their missionary labours on July 22nd, 1954. They embarked from Durban and sailed up the East Coast of Africa aboard the "Europa."

Elder Salmon has laboured in East London; Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, where he laboured as Branch and District President and Supervising Elder; Epping Gardens, Cape District; and then concluded his mission serving as Mission Secretary. Elder Lee began his labours in Port Elizabeth, and was then assigned to Northern Rhodesia where he served as Supervising Elder; then being transferred to the Transvaal District; after which he served in East London as Branch and District President and Supervising Elder of the East London Branch and District. Elder Wood began his labours in the Transvaal District; was then assigned to Natal where he served as Branch and District President and Supervising Elder of the Durban Branch and District; and then laboured during his remaining months as Second Counsellor in the Mission Presidency. Elder Mayo has laboured in Johannesburg; after which he was set apart as Second Counsellor in the Mission Presidency; and then concluded his mission as Supervising Elder of the Transvaal District.

These four Elders will not soon be forgotten by the people of South Africa. The example that they have set, both in word and deed has been outstanding. They have all worked hard to further the work of the Lord in this land, and they have indeed been true servants of our Father in Heaven.

STATISTICS

BLESSINGS

REUBEN ANTHONY JUBBER, son of Johannes Nicholas Philipus and Anna Catherina du Plessis, was blessed on July 4th, 1954, by Brother Izak C. Louw, at Springs.

PATRICIA HELENA CORRIGAN, daughter of Alfred James and Rita Helena André, was blessed on July 4th, 1954, by Elder Kenneth L. Lee, at East London.

ROGER DOUGLAS OXLEE, son of Edwin Gerard and Elizabeth Jean Holmden, was blessed on July 6th, 1954, by Elder W. E. Barry Mayo at Ramah.

JENNIFER FELICITY OXLEE, daughter of Edwin Gerard and Elizabeth Jean Holmden, was blessed on July 6th, 1954, by Elder W. E. Barry Mayo at Ramah.

BAPTISMS

EDWARDINA ROSALIND TOUGHEY was baptised on June 26th, 1954, by Elder Kenneth L. Lee and confirmed on June 27th, 1954, by Elder Orville C. Grigor at East London.

PHILIP JACOBUS SMITH was baptised on June 13th, 1954, by Elder W. E. Barry Mayo and confirmed on the same day by Elder Joseph E. Koeven at Ramah.

JOHN BRAITHWAITE, son of Hartley and Ida Marion Hutson, was baptised on July 18th, 1954, by Elder Jerry S. Young and confirmed on the same day by Elder Farrell J. Thacker at Krugersdorp.

ARTHUR EWART SENOGLES was baptised and confirmed on July 18th, 1954, by Elder Earl J. Hutchins at Benoni.

KENNETH EDWARD EAGAR was baptised on July 18th, 1954, by Elder Garn G. Christensen and confirmed on the same day by Elder Lewis F. Stokes at Benoni.

CORNELIA MARIA MARGARETHA (ROUSSOUW) BOTHA was baptised on July 18th, 1954, by Elder Garn G. Christensen and confirmed on the same day by Elder Lewis F. Stokes at Benoni.

PETER JAMES BLAIR MCHUGH, son of Reginald Gordon Blair McHugh and Winifred Barbara Guerini, was baptised on June 27th, 1954, by Elder George B. Everton and confirmed on the same day by Elder Allen L. Caldwell at Port Elizabeth.

ORDINATIONS

GLEN DIXON GAMBLE was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood on June 20th, 1954, by Brother Leonard Griffiths at Port Elizabeth.

SIDNEY ROBERT HENRY TROLLIP was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood on June 13th, 1954, by Elder Gary E. Elliott at Port Elizabeth.

PATRICK CYRIL EVERTON was ordained a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood on June 13th, 1954, by Elder Allen L. Caldwell at Port Elizabeth.

HAVELOCK TROLLIP was ordained a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood on June 13th, 1954, by Elder George B. Everton at Port Elizabeth.

ERIC NEVILLE EVERTON was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood on June 13th, 1954, by Brother Clarence R. Doller at Port Elizabeth.

JOHANNES EDWARD FOLKSCHENK was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood on July 4th, 1954, by Brother William H. Brummer at North Western.

RONALD PARKER DUNCAN was ordained an Elder in the Melchizedek Priesthood on July 14th, 1954, by Elder Lowell D. Wood at Springs.

THOMAS GEORGE CHARLTON was ordained a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood on June 27th, 1954, by Elder Garn G. Christensen at Benoni.

DEATHS

JOHN DONALDSON DUNCAN died on June 19th, 1954, at Durban.

MARRIAGES

YVONNE VALENTINE VAN MOLENDORFF was married to Mr. Johannes Fourie at Springs on June 19th, 1954.

BRYAN KENNETH ROBERTS was married to Miss Sheila Dorothy Pollock at East London on July 10th, 1954.

NEW COUNSELLOR CHOSEN

Elder John F. Grismore of the 17th Ward, Salt Lake Stake was set apart as Second Counsellor of the South African Mission by President LeRoy H. Duncan on July 26th, 1954. He succeeds Elder Lowell D. Wood from Glenwood, Alberta, Canada.

Elder Grismore entered the Mission Field on June 4th, 1953, and set about immediately to better qualify himself to fulfill his calling to the best of his ability.

He has laboured in the Cape and Natal Districts, being appointed Supervising Elder of the Natal District, and President of the Durban Branch and District on January 20th, 1954, and served in these capacities until he was set apart as Second Counsellor in the Mission Presidency.

Elder Grismore was born October 31st, 1932, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and is the son of Ruth F. Grismore and the late George W. Grismore. Many of his fine qualities are the result of his heritage and example and teachings of his noble Mother. He has been active in the Church throughout his youth, serving as the Secretary of the Y.M.M.I.A., and in the Superintendency of the Sunday School of his ward before entering the Mission Field.

Elder Grismore has graduated from West High School, Salt Lake City, and attended the University of Utah for two years before he accepted his mission call. He plans to continue his studies in Dentistry when he returns home.

APPOINTMENTS

ELDER RONALD O. RAGSDALE was appointed Branch and District President and Supervising Elder of the Bloemfontein Branch and District on July 1st.

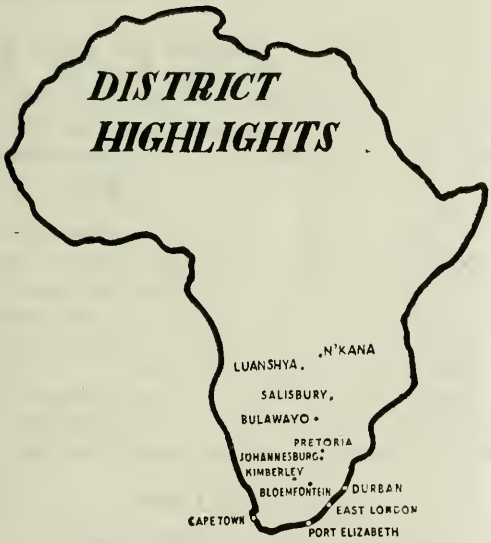
ELDER ALLEN L. CALDWELL was appointed Supervising Elder of Port Elizabeth District on July 1st.

ELDER LORIN C. GODFREY was appointed Mission Secretary on July 6th.

ELDER F. JOHN FRANCIS was appointed Supervising Elder of West Rand District on July 16th.

ELDER ELWOOD V. EDDY was appointed Supervising Elder of the East Rand District on July 16th.

ELDER GARY E. ELLIOTT was appointed Supervising Elder, Branch and District President of the East London Branch and District on July 23rd.



DURBAN BRANCH

Branch President: Elder George B. Everton, 8 Roof Garden Mansions, 310 Vause Road, Durban.

Reported by Joyce Wahlburn.

At one of our firesides this month a very interesting photographic competition was held. A long standing dispute was settled when Elder Grismore emerged victorious with an outstanding sunset scene.

On July 3rd a very successful Home Dinner was held at the home of Brother Randall in Woodlands. The proceeds went to the Branch Building Fund.

Elders Grismore and Stokes were picked to play for Natal in two Centenary Programme Basketball matches. On the 3rd of July Natal trimmed the Transvaal by a 46-32 margin, and then 3 days later were beaten by a visiting U.S. Navy team 36-35.

We are happy to report that Sister C. A. Smith is now progressing favourably.

Brother Walter Randall has been ill lately and has taken an inland holiday, which we hope will benefit him.

This month seems to have been one big chapter of "Hellos" and "Good-byes." We would like to wish Elders Godfrey, Crowther, Faux, and Grismore every success in their new fields of labour. This is the second time that we have had to say farewell to Elder Grismore, and we certainly congratulate him on his calling to the Mission Presidency.

It was indeed a happy occasion for our Branch when Elder Lowell D. Wood returned here for a few days before sailing for home. A party was held in his honour at the home of Roy Carlson. Elder Wood was accompanied by Elders Mayo, Salmon and Lee. Many members of our Branch were down at the docks to see these fine young men sail from our shores.

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to Elder and Sister Everton and Elder Sessions, and a very special welcome to Sisters Blackburn and Huskinson, whom we omitted to greet last month.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

Branch President: Douglas E. Charsley, 130 'E' Avenue, Luanshya, Northern Rhodesia.

Reported by Jeanne Charsley.

The highlight of the month was our meeting with the N'kana members on Sunday, July 18th. The Luanshya Branch travelled to N'kana en masse by motor car. The brethren showed some speedy team work in changing a wheel on one of the cars on the journey there.

The meeting was held at the home of Sister Hearns. The spirit of the Lord was enjoyed by all present.

BENONI BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Garn G. Christensen, 32 Mowbray Ave., Benoni.

Reported by Maud Taggart.

We were very pleased to welcome the District Presidency to our evening service on June 27th. This was the inauguration service of our Branch, and Elder Garn Christensen has been

appointed Branch President with Brother Tom Charlton as counsellor.

We congratulate the Springs Branch on having their Chapel completed and dedicated. It is certainly a great achievement. We were indeed privileged to attend the dedication services. This event should serve as an example to all of us, to show us what can be achieved by the concerted efforts of a few that are engaged in the work of the Lord.

We extend a warm welcome to three members that were baptised on Sunday, July 18th. They are Brother Kenneth Eagar, Arthur Senagales, and Sister Cornelia Botha. May the Lord be with them that they may continue to grow in the Gospel.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Branch President: Clarence Doller,
18, Caithness Road, Walmer Port Elizabeth.

Reported by Madge McHugh

An American Buffet supper was given by Elder and Sister Everton in aid of the Building Fund. Following this a concert was held and our members showed their talents by performing on the stage. The supper and concert was a huge success and we thank Elder and Sister Everton for their fine effort.

We wish to congratulate Sister Patricia Trollip on her engagement to Brian Roux, which was announced on her birthday.

We were privileged to have President and Sister Duncan and family, along with Elders Wood and Salmon in attendance at a M.I.A. meeting this month.

We wish to welcome two new members into the Church. They are Brothers Peter McHugh and Neville Gamble.

A fireside was held at the Doller residence during the month. A very interesting talk on "Temple Work" was given by Elder Everton.

It was with much sorrow that we said farewell to Elder and Sister Everton. We have enjoyed their council, advice, and association very much and we wish them every success in their new field of labour.

We were also sorry to see Elder Elliott leave us. We wish him the best of everything in his new assignment. Elder Bean has arrived to replace him.

A fireside was also held this month at the Gamble home, and those in attendance heard a recorded recital of the Tabernacle choir.

A Fancy Dress dance was held recently with the proceeds going to the Building Fund. Sister Doreen Warren and Brother Clarence Doller won the prizes.

BULAWAYO BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Richard M. Dunn,
12 Herbert Road, Northend, Bulawayo.

Reported by W. A. Jubber, Jnr.

We had a welcome visitor amongst us this month. Sister H. C. Jubber came down from Shangani and spent a few days in Bulawayo with her children and grand-children.

We take great pleasure in welcoming Brother Stanford Park to our city. He has come from Cape Town to take a position here.

The Bulawayo Branch are planning to hold a Braaivleis at the home of Sister Tarr on July 24th.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Gary E. Elliott,
4 Baynes St., Berea, East London, C.P.

Reported by Theodora R. Booysen.

We wish to report the birth of a baby daughter to Sister and Mr. Scheidel and take this opportunity of extending our congratulations to this couple.

The East London Branch is very proud to announce that we have now been able to organize an M.I.A. here. We opened with a combined social and farewell party for Elder Bean, who has since left us to go to Port Elizabeth. This evening proved to be very successful.

We were sorry to say farewell to Elder Lee, who left for Durban on the 19th of July. We wish to thank him for all that he has done in our Branch to further the work of the Lord here, and we pray the Lord's blessings to ever be with him.

Elders Lee and Bean have been replaced by Elders Elliott and Duncan. We welcome them here and hope that they will enjoy their stay.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Branch President: H. DeC. Hugo,
51 Athlone Ave., Strubenvale, Springs, Tvl.

Reported by Mavis E. Louw.

The great day that we have all waited for has come and gone, and our Chapel has now been dedicated. This event has been covered elsewhere in this issue.

We are indeed grateful to the many Saints throughout the mission that travelled to Springs to witness the dedication, especially those in the more distant areas. We felt very privileged to have the Mission Presidency with us. Also we were pleased to have Brother Thomas Wilson at the dedication, who made the trip from Cape Town despite his age.

On July 14th a large number of Saints gathered in the Recreation Hall to bid farewell to Elder Ronald Duncan. Brother Hugo presented Elder Duncan with a missionary Bible on behalf of the members of the Branch. President Duncan and Brother I. C. Louw gave some appropriate remarks, which were followed by a suitable reply by Elder Duncan. Musical numbers by Nola Troskie and Noel Futter, and a monologue by Nora Newell of Durban Branch were enjoyed by all.

On July 4th the first baby was blessed in our Chapel. He is Anthony Reuben Jubber, the son of Brother and Sister John Jubber.

It was with much regret that we said good-bye to Elders Mayo and Wood recently. They were greatly respected in our Branch.

Our congratulations to Sister Phyllis Armstrong on winning the Ladies' Singles Bowls Championship and also the pairs title. Brother I. C. Louw recently won the men's doubles handicap tennis title.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Branch President: Lionel Bibb,
282 Preller St., Muckleneuk, Pretoria, Tvl.

Reported by Sheila Bibb.

We welcome Elders Miller and Crowther to Pretoria and we hope that their stay here will be an enjoyable one.

At this time we ask the Lord's blessings to be with Elder Kennard, who has been very sick. We hope that he may make a speedy recovery.

On July 9th a Bingo evening was held at the Harvey-Bibb residence, with the proceeds going to the Springs Building Fund. The function was both a financial and social success.

Many of the Pretoria members were in attendance at the Springs Chapel dedication services on July 11th. We wish to congratulate them on this beautiful structure.

We were very happy to have Elder and Sister Everton in attendance at our meeting on July 13th.

The Relief Society Sisters held a cake sale on July 22nd. Although the weather was cold the Sisters feel that the results were satisfactory.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Branch President: Alwin Hubert,
129 Beach Road, Mouille Point, C.P.

Reported by Beatrice E. Smith

We had a very inspiring Sunday evening service on July 4th, the theme of which was Reverence. Speakers were Brothers Hugh Helm, Martin and Sam Rayner, and Sister Pamela Wande. The Girls' Choir rendered the song, "I know that my Redeemer Lives."

Following this service, a fireside chat was held, at which Elders Wood and Salmon spoke to us. At this fireside we said good-bye to Stanford Pork who left us to go to Rhodesia. These three young men were each presented with a book to show our appreciation for their services. We hope they will find happiness in their future activities.

Sister Clarissa Bibb has returned home from the hospital, and we pray that she may now be restored to full health again.

A number of our Branch members travelled to Springs this month to attend the dedication of the Chapel there. Among those that went were Brother Thomas Wilson, Brother and Sister Alvin Park and LaVerne, Brother Bob Smith and wife and family.

We extend to the members of the Springs Branch our best wishes and pray that the Lord will bless them for their faithfulness and diligence in the gospel.

Brother James Vigus and Richard Ninow have been on a motoring holiday.

Brother H. Hubert has been very ill, and had to spend his 80th birthday in the hospital. We are happy to see that he is around again now though. Another of those on the sick list has been Sister Maatjie Freimond, but she too has become much improved. Sister Mercia Ross has taken her baby to the hospital, where it is undergoing treatment. We pray that the Lord will soon restore this infant to good health.

The Special Interest Group entertained the M.I.A. Presidency to a South African supper on July 10th. After the meal was over, Elders LeBaron and Godfrey showed a fine programme of slides.

We were very pleased to have Brother Schmelling of Idaho as one of our visitors on July 11th. He was aboard one of the U.S. Destroyers that came into Table Bay for a few days.

Brother Cecil Bibb is suffering from pneumonia.

We offer our congratulations to Sister René Hubert who was chosen as Miss Margate while on holiday in Natal.

On July 24th, we had our annual Pioneer social. The programme consisted of a series of tableaux depicting the adventures of the Mormon Trek in 1847. This was accompanied by a commentary and stories of the Trek. The programme was introduced by Brother Clyde Geldenhuys who posed the tableaux. After this refreshments were served by some of the Relief Society Sisters. The even-

ing was concluded with dancing.

We welcome Elder Grismore who arrived in Cape Town on the 25th of July.

RAMAH BRANCH

Branch President: Norman G. Muir, 119 Kitchener Ave., Bez Valley, Johannesburg.

Reported by Tex W. Smith.

Many of our Branch members have been away on holiday this past month. Included in the list of vacationers are Brother and Sister Norman Muir and family, Brother and Sister Ken Sutherland, and Sister Reckas and Miriam.

On the 2nd of July a concert was held in aid of the Building Fund, which was a big success. Those that participated on the programme included Nola Matthews, the Olivier brothers, a Mouth Organ band, and comedy skits by the M.I.A. featuring Tex and Signe Smith, Donovan Donly, Nola and Sarah. This event proved that there is much fine talent in out Branch, and we would like to see more of it.

The highlight of the month was the presentation of M.I.A. awards to Sisters Joy Macadams and Grace Stark by our Branch President. The M.I.A. also presented them with a copy of "Pearl of Great Price" in appreciation of their fine efforts. They are the first girls to receive these awards.

The son and daughter of Brother and Sister Oxlee were blessed by Elder Mayo on July 4th.

On July 11th, the Ramah Branch was well represented at the dedication services of the Springs Chapel. All those in attendance came away feeling spiritually fed.

Mr. Phil Port, in conjunction with Tex Smith, presented a full "Movie" programme on July 16th. The proceeds went to the Building Fund.

The City Hall was the scene of a basketball game on June 24th, in which the participants were a team of missionaries v.s. the Transvaal. The game was very close and exciting throughout, with the final score being 61-59 for the Transvaal.

The Building Committee plan to hold a Mammoth Bazaar at the Masonic Hall, Kenilworth, on September 11th.

In concluding our hearts were heavy in saying farewell to Elders Wood and Salmon and our well loved Elder Mayo.

THE BATTLE OF LIFE

Life is a blend of the good and the bad,
A bit of the glad and a bit of the sad;
A pinch of contentment and a time of unrest,
A dash of the worst and a lot of the best;
A little of failure and a little of luck,
A bit of disaster and plenty of pluck.
And who would live long must be willing to know
Winter and summer and sunshine and snow.

Life is a mixture of laughter and tears,
Hope and despair are part of the years;
Someone is born and then someone dies,
Someone is foolish and someone is wise;
Someone is false to us, someone is true,
Now it is play, and then tasks we must do.
Who grows to manhood must learn how to take,
Joy with its laughter and care with its ache.

Life is a blend of the good and the ill,
And we must bear what shall come by His will;
There must come tears to the brightest of eyes,
Care visits the rich and the strong and the wise;
No one escapes when the rain pelters down—
Today you may smile, but tomorrow you frown.
So stand to your portion of sorrow and strife,
And know that it's all in the battle called "life."

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